Hollywood

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Mayberry of Newport News, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family. Mrs. Ioan Mayberry who has been visiting in the Deaner home returned home to Newport News with her son, Sunday.

On our sick list are the W. W. Robinson family, Mrs. H. W. Jenkins, Mrs. Annie Webb and Mrs. Katherine Wingfield. We hope each one will soon be well.

We were very sorry to hear of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jenkins' son-in-laws death last week at Lutherville, Md. Deepest sympathy is extended the family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson visited Miss Jewel Irby of Lynchburg, Saturday.

Mr. L. L. Webb visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Conner Monday.

We were very sorry to hear of the accident and death of Mr. R. B. Hudgins last week. Much sympathy is extended his loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Sheets and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb visited Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family Wednesday afternoon.

We extend much sympathy to the family of Mrs. Ruth Wheeler of Appomattox, who passed away last week and the family of Mr. Ernest Morgan of Buckingham.

Mrs. Mary Bagby and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield visited Mrs. W. T. Covington and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jenkins Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Woodson of Lynchburg spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and Julia spent Sunday in Roanoke with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wingfield and family.

Mrs. Ioan Mayberry and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner were visitors of Mrs. Mae Slough Wednesday.

Mr. Jim Franklin called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and family Sunday afternoon.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Al Corey of Lynchburg, Mr. H. W. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Franklin and family, Mr. Jim Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Baldwin and Mr. and Mrs. James Woodall.

Those visiting Mrs. Mary Bagby Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. James Woodall and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Gilliam of Farmville, visited Mrs. W. T. Covington Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Otis Smith were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence Sunday night.

Jordan News

The Senior Choir will practice Friday night at 7:30 p.m. All members are asked to be present.

Regular preaching services Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m.

Also, don't forget Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

The Harps of Zion of Appomattox will present a program of Gospel Songs at the Jordan Baptist Church on Sunday, February 2nd at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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Calvin Robinson

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Aid Set

American Red Cross has a 40-hour first aid beginning Feb. 5 at the Fire House. Classes open to the public, and held each Wednesday at

Council Opposes Proposals Of State Crime Commission

The Appomattox Town Council Monday night went on record as opposing nine legislative proposals set forth by the State's Commission on Crime and Criminal Justice.

The proposals range from establishing state wide minimum selection standards for local law enforcement officers to local jurisdictions being offered a resident state trooper in lieu of local police and sheriff's departments.

Also included in the legislative proposals are mandatory retirement systems for local officers which would be equal to that of state troopers, health and accident insurance equal to state officers, liability insurance, maintenance of specified records and development of a formal directives system. The proposals are also opposed by the Central Virginia Planning District Commission.

In other action council members approved a request by the Fire Committee to place Fire Department communications on the same radio frequency as other emergency units in the county, except the Appomattox Rescue Squad.

Council also approved an interim agreement between Virginia Electric Power Company and the negotiating body which represents towns, counties and municipalities. The interim agreement which expires July 1, 1976 calls for the Town of Appomattox to pay $1.70 per kilowatt hour until July 1, 1975 and $1.90 per kilowatt hour for the remaining period of the agreement.

Under the interim agreement all-electric schools, such as Appomattox County High School will pay $1.44 per kilowatt hour through July 1, 1975 and $1.59 per kilowatt hour for the remaining period.

Council appointed Town Manager W. S. Slagle and councilman Ronald C. Spiggle to seek a meeting with Ray Evans of the State Water Control Board to discuss a new sewage treatment plant to replace the town lagoon.

Acting on a request by Spiggle, the council approved a request to the state legislature that state funds for waste water treatment not be reduced.

Council considered, but delayed action pending a study, the purchase of a leaf collection system, and the purchase of a new garbage truck. Council approved a request by the Appomattox Garden Club to plant a dogwood tree on the lawn of the town office building. The dogwood is in memory of Mrs. Robert C. Hubbard, the late wife of councilman Hubbard.

As co-sponsors of the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival, council members approved a request by the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club to change the date of the festival to the second week in October.

Council also passed a resolution to send a request to congress asking that revenue sharing be continued.

Merchants License Due Jan. 31

All Town Merchant's License are due by January 31st, according to an announcement from the Town Office, and are payable at the Office of the Town of Appomattox.

All merchants in the Town of Appomattox are required to purchase this license prior to February 1, 1975.

The Town Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Appomattox Farmer Lives Among Historic Memorabilia

Wade Ferguson, an 80-year-old, lifelong resident of Appomattox County lives less than 200 yards from the marker showing where General R. E. Lee first met with General U. S. Grant of the Union Army to discuss the surrender of the Confederacy.

On Ferguson's property is the gravesite of Joel Walker Sweeney, generally acclaimed as the inventor of the banjo Ferguson is mostly unaffected by the nearness of such historical sites. He continues to operate his 55 acre farm as though it were his only concern.

Actually he confesses to enjoying the flow of tourists which surround him about seven months out of the year, "I suppose last year there were more than 500 different people who wanted to walk through my fields with metal-dectators to see if they could find bullets or grape shot still laying around here from before the surrender. I don't mind as long they don't bother my crops or my pigs. I kind of enjoy seeing them doing something like that, and once in a while someone will find something," Ferguson says.

Recently, according to Ferguson, there has been a tremendous interest in the Sweeney grave site. "I don't remember exactly when people started coming and asking if they could visit the cemetery," Ferguson explains, "I know that a whole bunch of people ended up with poison ivy or poison oak from going down there. There are some other graves nearby, I think the Rossers and Trents, and the fences around those plots are all covered with poison vines."

Pointing Out Sweeney's Grave

Wade Ferguson points to headstone marking grave site of Joel Walker Sweeney, the inventor of the banjo. Grave is located on Ferguson's property near Historical Park.

The Sweeney plot itself was neglected for many years before a movement was initiated to place a marker and clear the briars and other underbrush away.

Ferguson claims to remember some stories from the Civil War told him by his father, Richard Chauncey Ferguson, who served as a "private soldier" under "Old Colonel Abbitt."

"My daddy used to say there was not a Yankee in the whole north that could kill him' and I reckon he was right. He lived to be 98.

Spry and active for all his years, Ferguson takes the time to point out spots of interest to visitors, "I enjoy seeing the people come to Appomattox. I show them where the apple tree stood that Lee and Grant met under, and I point out the original homesite on the farm, and of course, Sweeney's grave. Lots of people take their metal dectectors up to the old homesite. They find lots of things there, but I don't know if they are of any interest or value or not. I never fool around with them," he says.

Some warm afternoon take a walk around the property with Wade Ferguson. He's a gracious host, and he has a wealth of information not found at the nearby Appomattox National Historical Park.

Travel Industry Thrives Despite Inflation Woes

RICHMOND - Virginia's travel industry held its own during 1974 despite the adverse effects of the energy shortage, inflation and recession, according to a study released today by the Virginia State Travel Service.

Total expenditures by travelers in Virginia during 1974 were $1,250,000,000 - up $152,000,000 or 14 per cent from the estimated $1,098,000,000 spent the previous year. However, the volume of vacation travel increased 14 per cent nationwide during the same period according to the report prepared by Dr. Lewis Copeland of the University of Tennessee Department of Statistics.

"While travel traffic and the number of visitors showed a slight decrease, there was an increase in the length of stay and spending," Dr. Copeland noted. "Virginia has been able to continue to draw upon its stable and lucrative travel market and to report a better season overall than neighboring areas."

An estimated 49 million out-of-state travelers visited or passed through Virginia in 1974, spending $753,000,000 - up $90,000,000 from 1973 figures. The remaining $497,000,000 was contributed by Virginia travelers. Total tax revenues from out-of-state visitors were $113,000,000 - up $14,000,000 from 1973.

In addition, travel expenditures accounted for 8 per cent of all retail sales in the Commonwealth, and the travel business provided jobs for 160,260 people or one out of every six Virginians employed in private commerce.

"According to the analysis, Virginia's travel industry remained sound at a time when tourism in many parts of the country suffered from the combined effects of energy shortages and economic ills," said Marshall E. Murdaugh, Commissioner of the State Travel Service.

The findings of the Copeland Report have been corroborated by the U.S. Travel Data Center in Washington, D.C. Director of the Center, Dr. Douglas C. Frechtling, said, "The report suggests that while miles of travel in Virginia declined somewhat more than the national average, business receipts grew as fast as the nation as a whole, and the increase in travel industry employment in the Commonwealth exceeded the average for the U.S."

The study predicts that travel spending in the Commonwealth will reach $1,780,000,000 by 1980, but does not take into account variables such as the upcoming Virginia Bicentennial Celebration, energy shortages or uncertain economic conditions.

Dr. Copeland determines travel revenue through a computation of census data, sales tax revenue, traffic counts, and in some cases, direct in-put from heavy tourist-supported cities or communities. The more detailed Copeland Study for 1974, containing a breakdown of the economic impact of travel on each Virginia city and county, including dollars spent, number of jobs and businesses serving travelers, and other information, will be available next month.

Day of Prayer Set For County Clerk

On the request for prayer from Mrs. Aldah B. Gordon, the pastor and Board of Deacons of Liberty Baptist Church have set Friday, Jan. 31, 1975, as a Special Day of Prayer for Mrs. Gordon.

Clerk of Appomattox County, Mrs. Gordon is a patient in the Lynchburg General Hospital where she has been receiving treatment for the past nine weeks.

Liberty Baptist Church will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, January 31, to anyone desiring to pray for Mrs. Gordon as well as others in our community who are in need of prayer.

Mayor Proclaims February HeartMonth

Mayor Henry B. Pack

Mayor Henry B. Pack has issued a proclamation urging all residents of Appomattox County to support the 1975 Heart Fund campaign, to be conducted here and throughout the nation during February - American Heart Month.

The proclamation, issued from the Town Office, declares that heart and blood vessel diseases afflict 28 million Americans and claim more lives than all other causes of death combined.

Appomattox residents were urged by the Mayor to contribute to the Heart Fund campaign in order to assure the continuation of advances which have already helped save thousands of lives.

During American Heart Month, local volunteers will distribute literature on heart disease and collect funds for research and educational and community programs.

The text of the Mayor's proclamation reads:

"Whereas, heart and blood vessel diseases each year kill more than one million Americans, a total which exceeds all other causes of death combined, and, Whereas, more than four out of five of these victims die of heart attack, or stroke, and, Whereas, heart and blood vessel diseases cost the nation $20 billion a year in lost wages and medical expenses, and, Whereas, the Heart Association's relentless battle against this American epidemic has helped reduce the death rate from these diseases through advances in research, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, Now Therefore I, Mayor

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Grain Outlook Favorable

"Producers will soon be deciding how much and what feed grain crops to plant this spring," said James R. Ford, Jr., Chairman of the Appomattox County ASC Committee, "and if we have a decent planting season the acreage may increase."

1975/76 feed grain projections for the season were announced during the recent National Agricultural Outlook Conference held in Washington, D.C.

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Parents May Review School Courses Offered

A meeting for parents of students in the present 8, 9, 10, and 11 grades will be held Thursay night, Feb. 6, in the auditorium of the Appomattox County High School beginning at 8 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to explain the course offerings at the Appomattox County High School for the school year 1975-76.

Registration for courses by students for the next school year is to begin Tues., Feb. 4, and end on Fri., Feb. 14. Guidance counselors at the Appomattox Middle School and Appomattox County High School will then through personal and group sessions, aid students in their course selections for their high school years. "It is very important that parents be familiar with the many course offerings that are available, and be in a position to help their children in the selection," explained Mr. Lloyd Walton, superintendent of schools.

Final registration is to be completed by April 1, and further changes in courses will not be made unless it has been determined that there are unusual circumstances. The choices of subjects will be used for school planning and to determine personnel needs for the 1975-76 school year.

Parents who are unable to attend the Thursday night meeting are invited and urged

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Genalogical Computer Center Proposed By Appomattox Woman

By Hazel Harvey

Interested Americans have been searching records, paying high fees to Genealogists to establish true family lineage.

Some have succeeded and traced their ancestors as far as their progenitors.

Many miles of traveling, thousands of records, books, and other efforts go into this search to know the genealogy of family lines.

This is an obsolete method in this "day of the computer." However, it must continue for the present generation to obtain records that are scattered every place (about our ancestors).

The time has come for us to utilize the knowledge we have to simplify the whole procedure by using the computer. Start a permanent system for the future generations to preserve their heritage.

First, each family line should have a symbol (or trademark), as there are so many similar names in other family lines that a special symbol would be the clue to the correct family line.

The entire names of both mother and father and the symbol should accompany every report. Thus there could be no mix-up in programming the computer and registering all data in the future.

In order to keep the computer system in perpetual motion, there should be a periodical transfer to micro-film of the information that has been recorded. This information should be returned to the State where the root of the family tree was "planted."

Many family lines expire because there are no male children to "carry on" the family name. Those records should also be returned to the Mother State files.

Our Nation is settled with people that are transitory and families are scattered in different states. The National Center is the answer to compile the reports. The State would have disposition of records to the people.

In commemoration of our Nation's BiCentennial in 1976, I (Hazel Harvey), hereby dedicate the foregoing method of preserving genealogies for the benefit of generations to come.

Our Nation was reunited at Appomattox, Virginia, 1865 - what better location for the "National Genealogical Computer Center" than in Peace Town, U.S.A.?

Vital statistics, marriages, births and deaths are recorded. Why not use this knowledge by converting all information to a Genealogical Computer Center?

All records could be sent to the National Computer Center where trained technicians assemble the records in a uniform system.

Bloodmobile Visit Set February 11

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will make its fourth visit of the fiscal year to Appomattox County on Tuesday, February 11, 1975, at Liberty Baptist Church from noon until 6 p.m.

A total of 101 units of blood will be needed at this visit in order for Appomattox County to remain 100% of its quota.

A need for blood donors is stressed to give blood for replacement to the University of Virginia Hospital at Charlottesville for Albert C. "Kit" Reynolds, Sr., who is receiving treatment for burns received in an accident last week. His condition remains critical at this time.

Ladies from Moufit Comfort United Methodist Church will be in charge of the canteen for the day and donors will receive a FREE quart of Pepsi, courtesy of Pepsi Cola Company.

Seventeen year olds are reminded that they can now donate blood with parental consent and are urged to start now and make "giving blood" a habit. It will be a very rewarding habit to begin at an early age.

Mr. Dick Bland, on right, general manager of Lawson Ford, is shown presenting the keys to a 1969 Ford car to Mr. Joel D. Martin, Power Mechanics instructor at the Appomattox County High School. The car is on loan from the Lawson Ford Motor Company and will be used as a training aid in the Power Mechanics instructional program.

Lawson Ford Presents Car For Training Classes

Mr. "Dick" Bland, general manager of Lawson Ford, presented the keys to a 1969 Ford to Mr. Joel D. Martin, teacher of Power Mechanics at Appomattox County High School during a brief ceremony held Tuesday, January 28. The automobile, which is on loan from the motor company will be utilized as a training aid in the Power Mechanics course.

In the power mechanics department students learn by practical experience as well as by classroom work. Students will actually disassemble the automobile, inspect each part for excessive wear or breakage, and then reassemble the parts. Troubleshooting on the car will be accomplished by using the latest and most modern test equipment in a step by step process of locating engine problems.

Speaking on behalf of Lawson Ford Mr. Bland said, "I am pleased to work with the Power Mechanics Department. I know it is a much needed program for this community, and I am willing to help the department develop its instructional program."